

California Emergency Functions List and Definitions Draft 2/15/2008

Introduction

California Emergency Functions (CA-EFs) are designed to be a grouping of state agencies and other stakeholders whose daily operations lend themselves to improving the State's ability to effectively mitigate, collaboratively prepare for, cohesively respond to, and rapidly recover from any emergency. Development of California CA-EF Annexes will entail a tiered approach, starting with state agency roles and responsibilities and expanding over time to incorporate roles and responsibilities of all relevant stakeholders including all political subdivisions of the State, tribal, private, federal, and community-based organizations.

The state agencies, and eventually all stakeholders, that comprise the CA-EF will assume ownership of the CA-EF and collaborate during all phases of emergency management as outlined in the State Emergency Plan including preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. During a response, the CA-EF stakeholders will assume roles within the California emergency management organization as outlined in the Annex for that CA-EF.

CA-EF #1 Construction and Engineering

CA-EF#1 conducts pre-incident and post-incident assessments, repairs and restores, removes debris and hardens the state's physical infrastructure, such as buildings, streets, highways, bridges, overpasses, water infrastructure (levees, aqueducts), and tunnels. In addition, CA-EF #1 provides building, construction and engineering expertise and technical assistance related to the state's physical infrastructure. CA-EF #1 preserves, conserves, recovers, and restores culturally significant buildings impacted or potentially impacted by an emergency or disaster. CA-EF #1 coordinates plans to forecast potential flood events and strengthen flood prevention infrastructure.

CA-EF #2 — Telecommunications Infrastructure and Systems

CA-EF#2 provides for the repair, restoration and interoperability of the telecommunications infrastructure in the

state to provide required telecommunications support (including software and hardware) during emergencies.

CA-EF #3 — Fire

CA-EF #3 coordinates activities related to the detection and suppression of urban, rural, and wildland fires and rescue activities. CA-EF #3 includes providing personnel, equipment, and supplies to support to local jurisdictions for the detection and suppression of fires and rescue activities. In addition, CA-EF #3 trains fire and rescue personnel and initiates fire prevention activities.

CA-EF #4 —Care and Shelter

CA-EF #4 coordinates actions to assist local jurisdictions and disaster relief agencies to meet the needs of victims displaced during an emergency including food, clothing, shelter, and family reunification. CA-EF #4 supports the provision of emergency mental health counseling for victims. CA-EF #4 identifies, secures, and arranges for the transportation of food

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and water assistance to affected areas following a major disaster or emergency. CA-EF #4 provides the same assistance (shelter and food) to impacted pets and domesticated animals (see CA-EF #8 for support of livestock).

CA-EF #5 —Public Health and Medical Services

CA-EF #5 provides the mechanism for coordinated assistance to supplement local resources in response to public health and medical emergencies. EF #5 minimizes the loss of life, human suffering and disability by ensuring the timely application of medical resources to the needs of disaster victims including medical transport, triage, and treatment. EF #5 coordinates public health emergency related activities among state and local agencies, supports hospitals, clinics and nursing homes during an emergency and the re-establishment of all health and medical systems.

CA-EF #6 — Evacuation

CA-EF #6 expedites the evacuation of persons and domestic animals from hazardous areas, controls evacuation traffic, provides adequate means to transport vulnerable populations, and institutes access control measures to prevent unauthorized persons from entering evacuated areas.

CA-EF #7 — Hazardous Materials

CA-EF #7 prepares for, prevents, minimizes or mitigates a threat to the public or environment by actual or potential hazardous materials incidents. The objectives of CA-EF #7 are to minimize the loss of life and adverse physical effects and reduce environmental damage due to hazardous or toxic materials, including the detonation of explosive devices and radiological incidents. CA-EF#7 provides the expertise necessary to evaluate and respond to various hazardous

material incidents. CA-EF #7 preserves, conserves, recovers, and restores culturally important environmental resources impacted or potentially impacted by an emergency or disaster.

CA-EF #8 — Agriculture and Livestock

CA-EF #8 coordinates activities during emergencies impacting agriculture and livestock. CA-EF #8 assists in assurance of the safety and security of commercial food. CA-EF #8 coordinates the response of agencies to assist local and volunteer organizations in providing livestock affected by the disaster with emergency medical care; evacuation; rescue; temporary confinement, shelter, food and water; and identification for return to the owner. Disposal of dead livestock is also coordinated by this CA-EF.

CA-EF #9 — Utilities

CA-EF #9 ensures the provision and restoration of utilities (including all energy sources). CA-EF #12 develops the policies and procedures to be used in responding to and recovering from shortages and disruptions in the supply and delivery of electricity, natural gas, and other forms of energy and fuels that impact or threaten significant numbers of citizens and visitors.

CA-EF #10 — Law

CA-EF #10 coordinates law enforcement personnel and equipment to support local law enforcement agencies and public safety. CA-EF #10 carries out traffic control, maintains public order, secures designated areas, and provides other law enforcement services as needed during emergency operations and assist local jurisdictions when requested.

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CA-EF #11 — Volunteers

CA-EF #11 is responsible for coordinating volunteers to support emergency response and assisting voluntary disaster relief agencies.

CA-EF #12 —Management

CA-EF #12 is a cross-cutting function with representation from stakeholders from all other CA-EFs for governance of the overall emergency management system, oversight of activities of all CA-EFs, prioritization of scarce resource allocation through Multi-agency Coordination Systems (MACS), coordination of Public Information and Risk Communication, and maintaining data management tools. CA-EF #12 plans for coordinated dissemination of emergency information—both to the public and interested officials—and disaster preparedness educational materials. CA-EF#12 incorporates issues of homeland security.

CA-EF #13 — Resources

CA-EF #13 is a cross-cutting function that coordinates plans and activities to locate, procure and pre-position resources to support emergency operations. CA-EF #13 provides support to obtaining funding and tracking expenditures for emergency operations and long-term economic recovery. In addition, CA-EF #13 manages resources donated during emergencies.